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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A flexible pouch containing a flowable product, comprising:
a front pouch wall joined to a rear pouch wall along opposite side edges and along a bottom edge; bottom, said front pouch wall being sealed to said rear pouch wall by a uniform width sealed band extending along the entirety of each of said opposite side edges;
said front pouch wall, when flat, having a first width at a first level above said bottom edge- and concave or oblique opposite sides between said first level and said bottom edge- such that a width of said front pouch wall progressively decreases below said first level, at least down to a second level, so that, when said pouch containing said flowable product is set down bottom edge- first on a flat surface, said sides between said first level and said bottom edge- collapse to provide a stable basal platform for said ~~pouch-pouch~~;
said front pouch wall and said rear pouch wall being configured to define a narrow neck and an enlarged head, wherein each of said sides at said head is a mirror image of each of said sides between said first level and said bottom.
2. (currently amended) The pouch of claim 1 wherein a width of said front pouch wall, when flat, at said bottom edge- is less than said first width.
3. (original) The pouch of claim 2 wherein said first width is a maximum width of said front pouch wall, when flat.
4. (deleted)
5. (original) The pouch of claim 1 wherein each of said opposite sides below said first level defines a concave radius.

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6. (original) The pouch of claim 5 wherein said radius is less than about 1.5" (3.8 cm).
7. (currently amended) The pouch of claim 1 wherein, when said front pouch wall is flat, each of said opposite sides defines a first linear section between said first level and said second level and a second linear section between said second level and said bottom such that said front pouch wall is narrower at said second level than at either said first level or said bottom edge.
8. (currently amended) The pouch of claim 1 wherein each of said opposite sides is linear such that said front pouch wall, when flat, tapers from said first level to said bottom edge.
9. (original) The pouch of claim 1 wherein, when said front pouch wall is flat, the distance between said bottom and said first level is about 27% to 30% of said first width.
10. (original) The pouch of claim 9 wherein a distance between an edge of said front pouch wall, when flat, at said first level and an edge of said front pouch wall at said bottom, measured along said first level is about 65% to 70% of said distance between said bottom and said first level.
11. (original) The pouch of claim 1 wherein said flowable product is a fluid.
12. (deleted)
13. (currently amended) The pouch of ~~claim 12~~ claim 1 wherein, at each side, said neck meets said head at a corner so as to provide a tear point to facilitate separation of said head from said neck.
14. (original) The pouch of claim 12 wherein, with said front pouch wall flat, said head has a first width at said neck and convex or oblique opposite sides between said neck and a top of said pouch such that a width of said front pouch wall progressively increases above said neck, at least up to a level between said neck and said top.

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15. (deleted)

16. (original) The pouch of claim 1 wherein said pouch is formed of plastic.

17. (deleted)

18. (new) A method of forming fluid-filled containers from a vertically disposed tube formed of flexible material, said tube being at least partially filled with fluid, said method comprising:
forming transverse, longitudinally spaced seals extending across said tube between which fluid is located, each seal defining sides of a pair of adjacent containers, successive seals being configured to define nested, alternately oriented containers, with each container having a neck extending from a body, each said neck terminating in an enlarged head having diverging sides, and each said body having a bottom portion with converging sides that are mirror images of said diverging sides of said head.

19. (new) The method of claim 18 wherein said forming transverse seals forms seals of uniform width across said tube.

20. (new) The method of claim 18 wherein said each container, when flat, has a first width at a first level above a bottom and concave or oblique opposite sides between said first level and said bottom such that a width of said container progressively decreases below said first level, at least down to a second level.

21. (new) The method of claim 20 wherein, when said each container is flat, each of said opposite sides defines a first linear section between said first level and a second level and a second linear section between said second level and said bottom such that said front pouch wall is narrower at said second level than at either said first level or said bottom.